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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the Utility patent application of:

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**FOR: NETWORK CONTROL METHOD AND EQUIPMENT**

Enclosed are:

- ☒ 7 sheets of ☐ formal ☐ informal drawings.
- ☒ Transmittal of Japanese application 2003-031837 to claim priority date of February 10, 2003.
- ☒ An Executed Declaration.
- ☒ An Information Disclosure Statement
- ☒ An assignment executed by inventors to Hitachi, Ltd.
- ☒ The filing fee is calculated as shown below:

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